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In re Application of:

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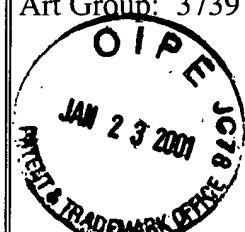
Application No.: 08/957,911

Filed: October 27, 1997

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
MODIFICATIONS OF VISUAL  
ACUITY BY THERMAL MEANS

Examiner: B. Yarnell

Art Group: 3739



**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231-9998

Sir:

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The applicants would like to amend the claims to correct an informality in one of the claim terms. In Claim 11, Line 1; Claim 13, Line 1; Claim 14, Line 1; Claim 16, Lines 1, 3, 6 and 7; Claim 18, Line 2; Claim 19, Line 2; and Claim 20, Line 2, please change "thermokeratoplastic" to --thermokeratoplasty--.

The applicants request that the term thermokeratoplastic be amended to its proper form of thermokeratoplasty.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Dated: January 18, 2001

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